





Man charged in sex assault of young girls

ARREST Ottawa police have charged a 41-year-old city man in relation to two separate sexual assault incidents, both of which occurred within the last month.

A suspect faces one count of sexual assault in relation to a 16-year-old girl and one count of sexual assault and one count of sexual interference in relation to a 12-year-old girl. Neither victim is a relative of the accused.

Bruno Timpano, 41, appeared in court Wednesday.
Because the victims are minors, a publication ban was ordered on some details.

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Senior hit by car dies from injuries

STRUCK An elderly woman struck by a car Wednesday has since died.

Lillian Westell, 98, suffered massive, "multitrauma" injuries after being struck by a car while crossing Laurier Avenue at Waller Street around 9 p.m., Ottawa police said yesterday.

She was taken to the Ottawa hospital's trauma unit, where she later died.

The 52-year-old Ottawa driver was uninjured. The incident was still under investigation yesterday. No charges had yet been laid.

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Lamaze rides past scandal

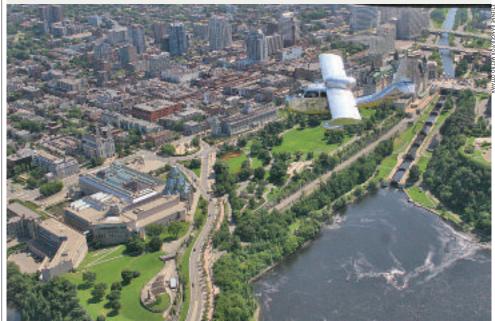


All fluff in this Bunny tale

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It pays to be a Clooney fan

Vintage planes A capital view



A Seabee 1946 Robinson Special — originally a Republic RC3, then rebuilt as an amateur craft with a Corvette engine — soars above the Ottawa River yesterday during a training run for the weekend's Classic Air Rallye. A procession of aircraft spanning almost a century of Canadian aviation will be on display in the air and on the ground at the Canada Aviation Museum, at Rockcliffe Airport, starting Saturday and continuing on Sunday.

3 Canadian soldiers die in Afghanistan

Bomb attack adds to deadly week for NATO forces

Three Canadian soldiers were killed Wednesday and another seriously injured when their convoy hit an improvised explosive device (IED) on the main highway outside Kandahar City.

Sgt. Shawn Eades, Sapper Stephan Stock, and Cpl. Dustin Wasden were combat engineers with 12 Field Squadron, 1 Combat Engineer Regiment based out of Edmonton and attached to the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian

Light Infantry Battle Group. Their deaths bring to 93 the number of Canadian soldiers killed since Canada sent troops to the country in 2002, and mark the deadliest attack for Canadian soldiers since six were killed on July 4, 2007.

The three soldiers were







From left, Sgt. Shawn Eades, Cpl. Dustin Wasden and Sapper Stephan Stock were killed Wednesday in Afghanistan.

on their way to a site to do a reconnaissance of a route for a future operation.

Three Polish soldiers also died Wednesday when a roadside bomb exploded in the central province of Ghazni, and a Taliban force killed 10 French paratroopers in a mountain gorge on Monday, but Canada's top soldier in Afghanistan said the military toll should not be seen as a sign the Taliban

is gaining strength.

"What I'd say is that they're much more aggressive this fighting season than they've been in the past," Brig.-Gen. Denis Thompson said.

"The difference is they're not holding any of the ground that they attack us on. So in the case of an IED strike they will inflict some casualties, but they don't control the road they inflict-

ed the casualties on."

Canada currently has about 2,500 troops based in Afghanistan. Forty-four have been killed by IEDs.

Forty countries have troops in Afghanistan, including 14 non-NATO members such as Australia and New Zealand.

So far this month five Canadian soldiers have been killed. Saskatchewan native Master Cpl. Josh Roberts died Aug. 9 during a firefight involving a private security company in the Zhari district. Two days later, Master Cpl. Erin Doyle of British Columbia was killed in a firefight in the country's Panjwaii district.

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Local cases of listeria linked to meat recall

TIM WIECLAWSKI

ILINESS An elderly Ottawa woman living in a long-term care facility and a city man have been diagnosed with bacterial listeriosis, in connection to tainted deli meats coming out of a Maple Leaf Foods plant.

"Both individuals are doing reasonably well, from a health point of view," the city's medical officer of health, Dr. Isra Levy, said yesterday. "The concern is that Ottawa has been part of a nationwide distribution of contaminated produce."

On Wednesday, Maple Leaf Foods issued a nationwide recall of suspect products and temporarily closed its plant when listeria was suspected. Listeria causes a range of symptoms such as headaches and vomiting, but can lead to more serious diseases, said Levy.

According to Health Canada, up to 30 per cent of food-borne listeriosis infections in high-risk individuals, such as the elderly or very young, may be fatal. It is more likely to cause death than other food poisoning bacteria.

Levy said the majority of suspected tainted meat was distributed to restaurants, long-term care centres and hospitals, though some may have gone to retail establishments. Residents can link to the list of 23 potentially tainted products at Ottawa.ca/health.

Ottawa seldom sees more than seven cases of listeria per year. This year, four cases have been reported locally, with two connected to the meat-packing plant.

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Ontario numbers

• Listeria infections reported by 17 of 36 health units across Ontario have been linked to the plant.

• A total of 37 cases of listeria have been reported in Ontario since June 1, with 29 of those cases connected to the meat packing plant.

Gréber Boulevard bus lanes now open

Gatineau residents now have another incentive to take the bus or car pool. The bus lanes along Gréber Boulevard between Savane and St-Louis, are in effect, the Société de transport de l'Outaouais said yesterday. The lanes, in effect on weekdays between 6 and 9 a.m. southbound and between 3 and 6 p.m. northbound, are for buses, taxis and car pools of three or more people. метко оттаwа

Ottawa



Roof fire at downtown 'Y'

The Ottawa fire department is investigating the cause of a roof fire at a down-town YMCA. The fire, which started in the roof membrane of the sport complex portion at 180 Argyle Street, took 39 firefighters with 14 pieces of apparatus about half an hour to put out, said District Chief Jeff Oxley. The fire was contained, causing about \$10,000 in structural damage, Oxley said. The YMCA remains open during the investigation. METRO OTTAWA

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Relocating EMS station for housing cost-free deal: City

TOWER Demolishing a fiveyear-old, \$600,000 paramedics post to make way for an 87-unit affordable-housing tower is a "good business decision" that will not cost the city anything, according to municipal staff.

Non-profit housing developer the Centretown Citizens Ottawa Corporation is taking over the land to complete a four-building apartment complex that includes a new EMS post on the ground floor of a sevenstorey building at the corner of Metcalfe and Catherine Streets. CCOC will cover the entire \$100,000 cost of relo-

Beaver Barracks

 The city originally acquired the land, called Beaver Barracks, in 1993 to build public housing. However, funding from federal and provincial governments was never available until last year.

cating the EMS post.

"From their perspective, it's just a good business decision, spending \$100,000 to free up a big chunk of land for 87 units of housing.. said Russell Mawby, the city's director of housing.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Paramedics hopeful Suspect sought in assaults of improving times

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After a challenging 2007, Ottawa's top paramedic hopes that an influx of new staff and new measures to trim emergency room wait times will move the service closer to response targets currently considered unachievable".

"For us, 2007 was not a good year. We didn't increase staff in that year. Call volume went up by six per cent, and hospital wait times were still in crisis," para-medics chief Anthony Di Monte said yesterday.

In 2007, city paramedics reached patients in distress

2007 stats

 Last year, 312 paramedics responded to 98,505 calls for service, while the average wait time at hospitals reached 91 minutes.

in less than nine minutes only 65.5 per cent of the time. The internationally accepted and medically proven rate to reduce mortality and morbidity is a 90 per cent rate in nine-minute response.

But 38 new staff and \$500,000 in provincial money for a pilot project that will see paramedics hand off patients to special care nurses at the General and Civic campus emergency rooms should help with response times this year, he said.

To cope with increased

demand from a growing, aging population, 38 paramedics were hired this year, and 25 more are budgeted for 2009. However Di Monte said the service might ask for even more.

Di Monte said consulstants are currently analyzing call data to determine exactly how many extra paramedics are needed to have 90 per cent of call answered within nine minutes.

Since the end of 2007, Di Monte said the province has taken steps to address hospital wait times, but it will be up to the city to sort out growing demand.

WARRANT City police are seeking the public's assistance in locating an Ottawa man wanted for numerous assaults.

An arrest warrant has been issued for the 26vear-old

man, who faces charges of assault, uttering threats, being unlawfully in a dwelling, criminal ha-



O'Neil Henry

rassment and breach of recognizance, said Detective Corey MacNeil with the Ottawa Police Partner Assault Section.

O'Neil Henry is described as black, 5-foot-11 tall, 150 lbs with a slim build. He is English-speaking and may be sporting a moustache.

MacNeil said police believe the suspect is still in Ottawa.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Ottawa Police Service at 613-236 1222, ext. 5407. метго оттажа

Iconic toys' cross-country road trip parks in city

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Kids of all ages took a joy ride down memory lane at SuperEX yesterday.

People stopped to play with toy cars from their youth at the Hot Wheels Licence to Play exhibit, which celebrates the 40th anniversary of the pint-sized die-cast cars with a six-week cross-Canada tour.

"People see the display and their eyes light up," said Ryan Wong, 22, a brand ambassador and a former collector. "Our target market is boys three to eight years, but what we've learned over the last few weeks is that girls love them as much as boys

"I'm a Barbie girl, but I've converted," Ciampini, 20. agreed Liza

"We get 20-year-olds and 40-year-olds that started playing with these toys when they first came out," said Kyle Guttormson, field manager of the Hot Wheels

Road Trip. More than 800 models and 11,000 variations of Hot Wheels cars have been created since 1968. But while the cars have stuck close to their die-cast metal roots - "the double-axle moulds haven't changed in 40 years," Guttormson said — the company now mimics new-model cars in addition to classics.

Mike McLaughlin brought his kids, Owen, five, and Rvan, six, to the exhibit vesterday but remembers playing with the same toys when he was young. "The car

"The cars haven't changed," said the 39-year-old Orleans resident. "Just the tracks."

More than 24,000 people are expected to attend the exhibit here, which runs through Sunday.



Liza Ciampini and Ryan Wong experiment with cars and tracks at the Hot Wheels exhibit at Super-EX yesterday. More than 24,000 people are expected to visit the display, which celebrates the 40th anniversary of the famous toy cars.

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Watch a biologist's explanation of the bacteria behind the recent food poisoning outbreak, and a report on the latest BlackBerry device to hit store shelves

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The Ontario government has given teachers' unions until Nov. 30 to sign contracts that provide a three per cent raise in each of the next four years — or the funding drops to 2 per cent more for each of the next two years. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ottawa/Canada

Multiple arts mark new fest

Wakefest recognizes local talent

KATHRYN YOUNG for Metro Ottawa

Cross-pollinate the arts and the result is Wakefest — a new celebration of film, literature, music, theatre, street performance and fine arts that kicked off last night with the Nudes of Wakefield calendar photographs and erotic poetry.

"Wakefest really initiated from a number of local

More info

For a schedule, visit

www.wakefest.blogspot.com.

Wakefest runs until Sunday.

artists and art enthusiasts wanting to recognize that we have a lot of local talent," said coorganizer

organizer Alasdair Gillis, a musician and singer who performs Sunday during a tribute to Billy Bragg.

The organizers went for a multi-arts festival. "We could bring people from away and see if they could inspire our local arts scene and see if our local artists could inspire those from away. It's really this crosspollination of ideas," Gillis

While planning for Wakefest began long before the Hull-Chelsea-Wakefield steam train screeched to a halt in May due to a landslide, the festival will hopefully highlight Wakefield's charms and encourage tourists to browse

the shops and swim or canoe the river, Gillis said.

"People are taking a hit from the lack of a train," Gillis said. "Everyone is surviving, yet business is down for sure."

Wakefest began with a slide show by local photographer Franziska Heinze of the featured photos for the 2009 Nudes of Wakefield calendar. Initiated by the local library as a fundraiser, the calendar is similar to that in the hit movie Calendar Girls "with appropri-

ately hidden bits," said Gillis, whose wife was photographed for March 2008 on an ice floe eight months

pregnant.

Many events are free, with some requesting donations. Tonight, Wakefest celebrates the 10th anniversary of the reconstructed covered bridge with free films shown inside the bridge.

"The bridge will be the theatre," Gillis said. The roster of local films includes The Woman Who Lost Her View — a 20-minute short about a woman who witnessed the bridge burning down in 1984 and spearheaded its reconstruction.

Other festival highlights include a stilt-walking workshop and readings by author Brian Doyle.



A woman sterilizes meat processing and packaging equipment yesterday at the Maple Leaf Foods plant in Toronto. Health officials searched for more clues yesterday into the source and extent of a food poisoning outbreak that has made more than a dozen people sick and caused one death.

Tories defend food safety procedures

Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz said the government's "thoughts and prayers" are with the families affected by a tainted meat recall.

But he defended the Conservative government's approach to food safety, denying it planned any cuts, as reported by the Globe and Mail.

Ritz said the internal document that was cited was a "discussion document" only. On the contrary, said Ritz, the Conservatives have injected an extra \$113 million in this year's budget for the CFIA "to become more proactive," and it hired 200 more inspectors. He said it

"We're trying to build a better mousetrap here."

Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz

will study whether the extra cash should be built into the agency's annual base.

"I don't know where the Opposition is getting their information," said Ritz.

He defended the modernization of the inspection system, which he said already allows for a greater role for industry, saying "We're trying to build a better mousetrap here."

In a news release, Liberal critics said the Conservatives are putting "the

health and safety of Canadians at risk."

"This outbreak is a wakeup call to the Conservatives that their plan to cut programs at the expense of food safety has the potential to jeopardize the lives of Canadians," said Dr. Carolyn Bennett, the Liberal public health critic.

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Public in dark with Dion's 'green shift'

He's been selling his "green shift" plan for weeks, but most voters who met federal Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion in a campaign swing in Toronto yesterday were in the dark about it.

in the dark about it.

"I haven't really seen much about that," men's clothier Paul Carreira said after a quick chat with Dion, mainstreeting for the Sept. 22 byelection in Don Valley West.

Popping into stores and coffee shops to shake hands, Dion said his mission was to "just say hello" and not pitch the pollution-fighting plan to boost taxes on carbon-based fuels like gasoline while lowering income taxes.

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News in brief

INSPECTIONS Six large propane sites were ordered to stop dispensing the fuel after inspections in the wake of a deadly blast in Toronto last week. An official with the Technical Standards & Safety Authority yesterday said infractions at the sites across Ontario included staff who appeared to lack proper training, small leaks in a hose and inadequate signage.

COURT MARTIAL Robin Long, the first American war resister deported from Canada, will plead guilty to charges of desertion at a court martial today in Colorado, and will likely be sentenced this afternoon, his lawyer said yesterday.

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"I stopped <u>hoovering</u> those high-fat fees. <u>Hoorah!</u>"





Good call





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A National Cancer Institute report on smoking in the media has found tobacco promotion and depictions of smoking in movies cause teenagers to pick up the habit. The study found that the tobacco industry spent more than \$13 billion U.S. on advertising and promotions in 2005. REUTERS

World/Business



FOOD The United States and some other developed countries throw away nearly a third of their food each year. according to a UN report that said the world is producing more than enough to feed its population. It says the U.S. throws away up to 30 per cent of its food, worth \$48.3 billion.

IRAQ Although it contains no fixed date for United States troops to withdraw, Iraq and the U.S. have drafted an agreement that says Iraq would like combat troops out by 2011. Some patrols could end by the middle of next year.

PARIS France paid national tribute to 10 soldiers killed in Afghanistan yesterday, and it had some government officials debating and rethinking the consequences of the country's Afghan operations. REUTERS

U.S. presses Russia

Russia said it would complete a pullback of troops in Georgia by the end of Friday but it stopped short of the extensive withdrawal demanded by the West, saying it would keep a force deep inside Georgia's heartland.

Western states grew imcreasinly impatient that Russian troops remain inside Georgia nearly a week after a ceasefire ended a war that broke out when Tbilisi tried to retake its breakaway South Ossetia region.

"The withdrawal needs to take place, and needs to take place now," a White House spokesman said, and accused Russia of breaking a promise to leave Georgia.



A girl stands during a rally in Tskhinvali yesterday, where South Ossetia's leader said he would ask the Kremlin to recognize its independence from Georgia.

Moscow said it was honouring the French-brokered ceasefire agreement.

Russian defence officials said what they called reinforcement troops would be pulled back to within South Ossetia by the end of Friday, and from there withdrawn to Russian soil within 10 days.

Tbilisi says Moscow is trying to annex its territo-

Business

Gas prices pump Canadian inflation to five-year high

Soaring gasoline prices drove Canada's inflation rate in July to its highest in more than five years, but the upswing was widely expected and did little to change the view that the central bank will keep interest rates on hold in September.

The annual inflation rate quickened to 3.4 per cent in July from 3.1 per cent in June, the highest rate since March 2003, Statistics

Canada said yesterday.

But the core rate that is closely watched by the Bank of Canada stayed well within the bank's target at 1.5 per cent for the fourth straight month.

The Bank of Canada is widely expected to hold rates steady at three per cent on Sept. 3 on the basis that inflation will eventually ease to the bank's two per cent target by late RELITERS

Rules eased on telephone rates

TELECOM Canadian telephone companies will soon be allowed to change their phone rates without the need for prior regulatory approval, the Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission has said.

Providers will be able make changes to their tariffs as of Oct. 6, as long as the changes stay within previously imposed limits.

The CRTC said the policy change would make pricing procedures more effi-REUTERS

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McCain out of touch on the economy, Obama says

CHESTER, VA. Democrat Barack Obama attacked Republican John McCain yesterday for not knowing how many houses he owns and said it proves his presidential rival is out of touch with the economic struggles of most Americans.

Obama questioned the lifestyle of McCain. In an interview Wednesday with the Politico newspaper, McCain was asked how many houses he owns with his wife and heiress, Cindy.

"I think - I'll have my staff get to you," McCain replied. "It's condomini-ums where — I'll have them get to you." The Politico said McCain's staff counted "at least" four houses, although other media reported at least seven.

"I think — I'll have to get back to you."

John McCain on how many houses he owns

Obama noted McCain said last week that making \$5 million U.S. was his definition of being rich, and that McCain said the economy was "fundamentally strong."

By making such state-ments, "it's not surprising that you might think the economy was fundamentally strong," Obama said.

McCain's campaign pointed out that Obama's house Chicago's affluent neighbourhood Hyde Park is worth more than \$1.5 million U.S.

Pakistan bombing kills at least 59

ISLAMABAD Two Pakistani Taliban suicide bombers blew themselves up outside the country's main defence industry complex yesterday, killing at least 59 people as workers left at the end of their shift.

Hundreds were milling about outside the complex

Other sources put the death toll higher. State television quoted hospital officials as saying it had reached 71.

Business in brief

OIL Oil supplies may be running slightly ahead of current world demand, the Iraqi oil minister said yesterday. He would not say if the situation meant OPEC needed to cut output at its September meeting, adding that the group has to first review its market data.

OIL Oil prices rose nearly 5 per cent vesterday, the biggest gain since June, driven by rising tensions between the United States and energy behemoth Russia over a U.S. deal with Poland to station parts of a U.S. missile defence shield on Polish soil. REUTERS

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Injury prone Pavano makes returns to Yankees

The oft-injured Carl Pavano is scheduled to start for the New York Yankees on Saturday in Baltimore, according to the Newark Star Ledger. The 32year-old inked a four-year, \$39.95 million contract with the Yankees before the 2005 season, but has played in just 19 games. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports



NFL's Upshaw dies at age 63

Pro Football Hall of Famer and longtime head of the NFL Players Associ-ation Gene Upshaw, left, has died after being diagnosed with pancreatic times selected as a Pro Bowl guard during his playing career with the Raiders, was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1987 and had served as executive director of the players' union since 1983. REUTERS

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Jays spank Yankees

Halladay finally gets run support from Toronto's bats

Blue Jays 14 Yankees 3

Roy Halladay was his usual dominant self on the mound and Marco Scutaro matched a career-high with four hits and four runs driven in and also scored three times, as the Toronto Blue Javs crushed the New York Yankees, 14-3, last night to cap a threegame set.

Halladay (15-9) yielded just three runs on five hits while fanning nine and walking two batters over seven frames. Alex Rios and Matt Stairs both had three RBI for the Blue Jays, who have won seven of their last nine. John Mc-Donald also knocked in a pair in the win. Joe Inglett had a career-high four hits in the win.

Toronto moved to seven games behind Boston for the lead in the Wild Card race. They host the Red for an important Sox three-game series starting tonight.

Sidney Ponson (7-4) suffered the loss as he was pounded for seven runs on eight hits in just two-plus innings. Hideki Matsui accounted for all of the New York offense with a threerun homer in the seventh. The Yankees, who have dropped four of their last seven, gave up a season-high 21 hits and suffered their worst margin of de-

New York fell six games behind the Red Sox in the Wild Card race.

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Yankees starting pitcher Sidney Ponson heads for the dugout after a rough start last night, being pulled in the third inning after allowing five runs. The Jays beat the Yankees 14-3.

Sports in brief

MLB The Toronto Blue Jays acquired infielder Jose Bautista from the Pittsburgh Pirates vesterday for a player to be named later. The Pirates demoted the third baseman Bautista to Triple-A Indianapolis last week after he hit 242 with 12 home runs and 44 RBI in 107 games with the big club.

MLB Atlanta Braves pitcher

Tom Glavine has undergone successful surgery to repair a partially torn tendon in his left elbow, the major league team said yesterday.

NFL The Pittsburgh Steelers signed linebacker James Farrior to a five-year contract yesterday. The 12-year veteran signed with Pittsburgh in 2002.

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Gary Reed of Kamloops, B.C., qualified for men's 800-metre final yesterday in pouring rain in Beijing. METRO NEWS SERVICES





From banned to gold | Silver lining for Heymans after Athens heartbreak

Canadian Lamaze eclipses drug scandals with medal

Canada's Eric Lamaze, who missed two Games because of drugs bans, won the Olympic show jumping gold after two dramatic iump-offs vesterday. In a thrilling climax to

the equestrian events, "There were days Lamaze put his past trou- when this was only bles behind a dream. Now it's a him to beat reality."

Eric Lamaze Rolf-Goran Bengtsson in-

to silver. American Beezie Madden took bronze.

'The past is the past and if this doesn't make people forgive and talk to me about this all the time, I don't know what will," said Lamaze, a resident of Schomberg, Ont.

"There were days when this was only a dream. Now it's a reality," he added.

The 40-year-old Lamaze, who won silver as part of the Canadian equestrian team event earlier in the

week, thrown the Canadian teams for the 1996 and after testing positive for cocaine

two separate occasions.

He also tested positive for a banned diet supplement in 2000 and has received two lifetime bans during his career, both of which were overturned after he appealed them.



Eric Lamaze of Schomberg, Ont., riding Hickstead, celebrates his win in the final round of the individual jumping equestrian event yesterday at the Olympic Games in Hong Kong.

suaged the pain of losing an Olympic medal which had seemed hers in 2004 and bounced back with a silver on the platform yesterday in Beijing.

The native of St-Lambert,

Oue., saw her dreams dissolve in Athens when her final dive went wrong and she dropped from second to fourth.

Heymans unleashed a series of excellent dives, with the home crowd roaring teenage favourites Chen Ruolin and Wang Xin, and came desperately close to becoming the first diver to beat the Chinese at these Games.

Chen eventually took gold and Wang the bronze.

"It's a really long time and you never know what can happen in four years. But I've been training real-



Emilie Heymans of St-Lambert, Que., was nearly perfect yes terday in the women's 10-metre platform diving final.

ly hard and I'm just glad that everything is over now," said Heymans.

"I worked a lot on the head part and believed in myself and know that I can do really good as well."

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Canada's Adam van Koeverden, left, eased into the final of the men's K1 500 metres yesterday in Beijing by placing first in his semifinal. The Oakville, Ont., native raced to a time of 1:42:438 to easily qualify for tomorrow's nine-man final. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Beijing Games

MacLean leaves after mom's death

MEDIA Ron MacLean is leaving his post as the main anchor for CBC's coverage of the Beijing Olympics following the death of his mother from pancreatic cancer last night.

MacLean was scheduled to return today to his home in Oakville, Ont., to be with his family.

Scott Russell will take over as host for Olympic Prime, while Diana Swain will go solo on Olympic Morning.

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Canadian Olympians doing great, but can do better with more cash



The feast this week has, of course, been substantially more satisfying and more gratifying than the famine last week for Canada's Olympic squad.

After collecting exactly zero medals in Week 1, our athletes entered competition this morning with 15 — three of them gold. They also climbed into a 12th-place tie in the medal standings, which is noteworthy because the Canadian Ölympic Committee had set a pre-Games objective of finishing among the top 16 countries.

When all is said and done in Beijing this week-Canadians won't

need to bury their heads in shame. There won't be any countries you've never heard of ahead of Canada in the standings. And we'll wind up well ahead of many other proud and prominent nations, including Sweden, Austria and Greece.

We will faced. will not be major disadvantage while hot be major disadvanta when it comes to be embarrassed. We will not be a funding."

Jane Roos

Still, while the Canadian team will leave Beijing with more hardware than its predecessors in 2004 and 2000 at Athens and Sydney, respectively, it will be hardpressed to match the 22 medals Canada earned at Atlanta in the 1996 Summer Games. And it will come nowhere close to the Canadian-best 44 medals amassed at Los Angeles in 1984.

'It's a shame, frankly, because we really could be doing much better in Beijing," lamented Jane Roos, founder of a decadeold charity devoted to raising funds for Canada's Olympians.

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but we as a nation could provide them with the direct funding that could enhance their performances. Our rowers, for example, need to eat 6,000 calories a day. How do you eat that much from \$1,500 a month from the Government? Our rowers shouldn't need to worry about how they're going to pay their food bills.

Big names benefit from fund

Canadian medallists who received funding from Jane Roos and canadianathletesnow.ca include hurdler Priscilla Lopes-Schliep, trampoliners Jason Burnett and Karen Cockburn, wrestlers Carol Huynh and Tonya Verbeek and rowers Tracy Cameron, Melanie Kok,

They shouldn't need to worry about how they'll

pay their coach or how they'll get to training camps." Roos has come up with

an innovative eight-dollar donation/sponsorship program in a bid to help future Canadian Olympians.

'Our athletes are at a major disadvantage when it comes to funding," she said. "Canadians need to realize that, if they donated a mere eight dollars, could impact the lives of Canadian athletes and, indirectly, impact

Kevin Light, Ben Rutledge, Jake Wetzel, Malcolm Howard, Dominic Seiterle, Kyle Hamilton, Brian Price, Adam Kreek, Scott Frandsen, David Calder, Ian Brambell and Mike Lewis. "We couldn't have won these medals," Kreek said, "without

their own lives, because I guarantee our results at the next Olympics would be more impressive and more satisfying."

Canadian kayaking king and flag-bearer Adam van <mark>Koeverden</mark> is personally donating \$800 to his fel-

low Olympians. "This," van Koeverden said, "is a vital program for our athletes' future." Check it out at canadianathletesnow.ca.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.



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Anna's in the house Pg 12

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Anna Faris stars as the centre(fold) of the movie The House Bunny, in which a Playboy bunny gets kicked out of the mansion and moves in with a clan of sorority girls. The movie opens today.



The Dandy Warhols boast a special 'quest' on record.



Death Race built solely on shock-value and adrenaline.



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No hop in this Bunny

House **Bunny**

Director: Fred Wolf
Stars: Anna Faris, Colin Hanks
Classification: PG

STEVE GOW

REVIEW According to the movie's production notes, The House Bunny is about a Playboy model "who teaches an awkward sorority about the opposite sex – only to learn that what boys really like is what's on the inside". That wasn't quite the

movie I saw.
Directed by Fred Wolf (who polluted theatres earlier this year with

Strange Wilderness) and written by the team behind Legally Blonde (who must be legally out of ideas), this dud tells the story of the aforementioned dopey model (Anna Faris) who joins a sorority after she thinks she's ejected from the Playboy Mansion for turning 27.

Well, that is "59 in bunny years" she's told, so I guess you know what you can take away from that, ladies: After 27, feel free to leave your knickers on.

The movie aims to be a tale of empowerment but it should end up an embarrassment to any woman with a shred of dignity.

And it's not only the shallowness of the main character's primary ambition to get naked in Playboy that insults me; it's that all the characters in this film are so insipid, one-dimensional and boycrazy that trying to squeeze any depth from this flick is like searching for theological subtext in a Jonas Brothers song.

It's a shame too because Anna Faris has proven she can provide lift to most mediocre turkeys (seen her in Just Friends?) but in this, her talents are wasted staggering through unfunny dialogue with flat, inane characters.

As watchable as the bigeyed beauty is, when your wittiest line is "eyes are the nipples of the face," let's be honest, it's time to euthanize the poor bunny.



Anna Faris plays a Playboy playmate who thinks she's banished in House Bunny.

Durst's second movie as director is something of a Longshot

The Longshots

Director: Fred Durst
Stars: Ice Cube, Keke Palmer
Classification: PG

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

REVIEW What do you do when you've already conquered the charts as an obnoxious front-man of a nu-metal band, supposedly slept with Britney Spears and been the subject of your own sex tape controversy?

Well, naturally, you make an over-sentimental family film about a little girl who becomes a football player...duh!

Directed by Fred Durst (better known as the lead singer of Limp Bizk-it — he's the one who "did it all for the nookie," remember?), The



Ice Cube dons a Walter Payton jersey to coach Keke Palmer in The Longshots, a true story of a girl who plays on a boy's football team.

Longshots tells the true story of 11-year old Jasmine Plummer (played by Keke Palmer) who, under the tutelage of Uncle Curtis (Ice Cube) discovered her hidden talent for football and became the first female ever to play in the es-

teemed Pop Warner Super Bowl tournament.

Now, it's no secret that the underdog story isn't an original premise when it comes to football films (especially if you've seen Rudy or Invincible) and The Longshots isn't much different.

Sure, it's based on a true story, but riddled with a formulaic plot that hinges on the now-obsolete hook that a girl can play a boys game, well, The Longshots is a pretty bland concept for the big-screen.

While Ice Cube does provide some decent support as a washed-up quarterback getting a vicarious second shot at glory, the plot moves so quickly that developments are never completely played through.

Worse than that, they're short on conflict— the essence of drama. In the end, that's the film's biggest downfall— sure, it's harmless enough, but The Longshots' saccharine intent to inspire is simply overbearing.

It makes me wonder — is Fred Durst feeling guilty about something?



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Just a lot of weak jabs

Hamlet 2

Director: Andrew Fleming Stars: Steve Coogan, Catherine Keener Classification: 14A Rating: @

ΔΡΑΜ ΝΑΥΜΑΝ

REVIEW When seriously unfunny movies like Hamlet 2 get erected around seriously funny actors like Steve Coogan, it's reasonable to ask what went wrong. In this case, it's that Coogan has been robbed of his prime comic weapon - his bone-dry British imperiousness

Cast as an antic Arizona high school drama teacher attempting to save his credibility and his job by mounting an unprecedentedly offensive original play — that'd be Hamlet 2, with a plot involving a time machine and chirpy songs about rape and Jesus Christ's 'hot swimmer's body" -Coogan trades his usual shiv-sharp subtlety for a Christopher blustery, Christop Guest style caricature.

The results aren't pretty. Perhaps attempting to atone for the retro-blandness of Nancy Drew, cowriter/director Andrew Fleming stabs wildly at taboos: Coogan's young charges trade racist barbs in between rehearsals; characters drop acid and reference crystal meth addiction; a key player takes a tentative step out of the

closet; child molestation is deployed as a punchline.

It's all admirably anti-P.C., but that's all it is there's no real satirical thrust here, just a lot of weak jabs at easy targets (newsflash: the American religious right are a bunch of humourless hysterics!) and sub-waiting for gags about the mas-sive gulf between gulf between Coogan's ambition and his talent.

There's not a lot to laugh at here, and the fact that the filmmakers seem so smugly proud of their supposed transgressions doesn't help.

In fact, they like their piddling attempt at a liveaction episode of South Park so much that I don't have to.

Movie **morsels**

Star Wars: The **Clone Wars**

REVIEW The Clone Wars sticks Anakin Skywalker and company in the middle of an intergalactic war between the clones and the droids. In reality, this movie kicks-off a new animated series and highlighting where this film truly belongs — on TV. Sure, it's an interesting combination of CGI and anime but the story itself is about as compelling as watching somebody play a videogame for 90 minutes.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Tropic Thunder



REVIEW Ben Stiller leads the all-star cast of Jack Black, Robert Downey Jr. and even Tom Cruise (in a surprising role that's sure to relieve those who thought he'd all but beamed up to Planet Thetan) in this spoof of Hollywood egos and icons.

Stiller plays Tugg Speedman, a fleeting action star leading the cast of a fic-tional war film being shot in Southeast Asia. After the movie goes over budget, the actors are sent into the jungle to capture "real fear in their eyes". Instead, the gang loses their director, get lost themselves and fall prey to real terrorists.

The twist: They're convinced it's all part of the

It's a great premise and one that doesn't let down with its cast.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Pineapple Express

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REVIEW Produced by Judd Apatow and starring Hollywood's favorite court jester Seth Rogen, this film is a Midnight Run-type caper about a dope-smoking process server who goes on the lam with his hapless drug dealer (James Franco) after witnessing a murder. Sure, it's a hollow story and the pacing is uneven, but this comedy still works as an impossibly hip comedy about impossibly uncool characters.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Vicky Cristina **Barcelona**

●●●1/2 REVIEW Vicky Cristina Barcelona appears on screens one year shy of the 40th anniversary of Woody Allen's directorial debut Take The Money And Run. Despite the fact that the director has averaged one film per year since, his latest movie has the energy, vitality, and themes of a young filmmaker trying to make a name for himself. Scarlett Johansson and Rebecca Hall star as the titular duo Vicky and Cristina,

two lost souls spending a summer in Barcelona. They meet Juan Antonio (Javier Bardem), an artist who introduces himself by inviting the pair to join him for a weekend of food, wine, and lovemaking. The girls agree and while Vicky must put aside her feelings for Juan because of an impending marriage, Cristina continues her affair with the artist, which grows more complicated when his ex-wife (Peneope Cruz) returns. What follows is a breezy, cheerful, and hilarious ode to youthful indiscretions filmed in the burned-out warm colours and unpredictable style of New Mexican Cinema.

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

Bottle Shock

REVIEW Aside from a scene in which Bill Pullman obliterates the top of a bottle of wine with a samurai sword, there are no surprises in Bottle Shock, This is partially because its sto-– about a group of affable, flannel-clad Napa Valley winemakers who turn the industry on its snooty French nose by producing a top-shelf Chardonnay is based in fact: In 1973, the California-based Chateau Montelana won a French tasting contest and made the marketplace safe for American plonk. It's also because director Randall Miller never met a reaction shot or an overbearing music cue that he couldn't use: Bottle Shock is perfectly content to be pap.

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SAG contract talks hurting Toronto's new mega-studio

Filmport, Toronto's megastudio and a possible white knight for its stranded film production sector, opened its doors Wednesday with just one problem — no studio tenant.

Phase 1 of the \$60 million, 260,000-square-foot complex, which comprises seven stages, is so far without a Hollywood studio on board as the contract talks between "We hope Film-port can play a role in putting Toronto ... back on top."

the Screen Actors Guild and the producers drag on in Los Angeles.

Filmport Studios president Ken Ferguson predicts that the complex will fill up once the majors reach a new deal with the actors guild.

"In these challenging

"In these challenging times for the Toronto film industry, we needed a boost. We hope Filmport can play a role in putting Toronto where it belongs, back on top," he said at a ribboncutting ceremony attended by Mayor David Miller and Canadian director David Cronenberg.

Filmport, which includes a pillar-free 46,500-squarefoot stage for ef-

foot stage for effects-heavy studio pictures, already has leased out office space to George

Romero's Diary of the Dead 2, which is shooting on location in Toronto. Additionally.

Universal is eyeing Filmport for its Scott Pilgrim vs. the World project, which is based on a comic by local writer Bryan Lee O'Malley and set in Toronto. But with the Canadian dollar at near parity with the American greenback, and New York offering a 35 per cent tax credit, Universal producers also are considering the Big Apple as a stand-in for Toronto.

Death Race is dud-ly

Death Race

Director: Paul W.S. Anderson Stars: Jason Statham, Joan Allen

Classification: STC Rating: @@

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

REVIEW For anyone who thinks Death Race is a remake of the cult-classic Death Race 2000 starring David Carradine — think again!

Instead, writer/director Paul W.S. Anderson (who is trying to turn his luck around after making AVP: Alien vs. Predator four years yonder) claims this was tailored to be a prequel to the original film, although that doesn't make much sense, either, since 2000 was, you know, eight years ago.

Set in the near-future, Death Race stars Jason Statham (Crank) as Jensen



Death Race, built solely on shock value and adrenaline, has plenty of mindless action.

Ames, an innocent man who goes to jail for supposedly killing his wife. There, the former NASCAR driver is recruited to race other life-term inmates under the pseudonym of Frankenstein in a realityshow called Death Race.

The catch: The cars are loaded with machine guns. The dangling carrot: Whoever wins, goes free.

If that sounds familiar,

you probably saw last year's The Condemned starring pro-wrestler Steve Austin. Death Race's plot is practically identical, and likewise, it's built solely on shock value and adrenaline without the quirky satirical critique on violence that fuelled the 1975 original.

Now, on its own merit, Death Race has plenty of mindless action, and indeed, some crazy car stunts and riveting death scenes. But it's all so overthe-top — especially the script and performances.

I mean, Joan Allen is a three-time Oscar nominee, but here she seems to be playing a vicious prison warden for laughs when she threatens Ames that if he messes with her, "We'll find out who sh-ts on the sidewalk."

If only that horrible line had come from a prowrestler, maybe this film wouldn't have seemed so counterfeit.

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Amal's heart of gold

JIM REYNO

Amal, the hero of director Richie Mehta's movie of the same name, is a unique mix. Rickshaw driver, mama's boy. Reticent and placid, yet devoted and passionate. Part Forrest Gump, part Jesus Christ.

"I think that's the best way to put it," said Rupinder Nagra, who portrays Amal. "That's what it is: He's got all these saintly qualities, but yet he's oblivious to it all."

Amal drives a rickshaw in bustling New Delhi, India. In a world where everyone is trying to get an edge or a buck, Amal isn't. As the story and the financial stakes escalate around him, Amal stays put.

"Here you've got a guy who's a nice guy, which you don't normally see on the screen," said Nagra over coffee recently. "Nice guys who aren't corrupted and don't have to go

through redemption and all that stuff

"But on top of that, he doesn't do things because he wants anything in return. He doesn't even realize how nice he is. To him, this is just the way you lead your life."

Amal, an entry in last year's Toronto International Film Festival, has won numerous awards on the festival circuit, prizes picked by both critics and fans. But if Nagra had acted on his initial reading of the story, he wouldn't have taken the role.

It was the ending that got to him.

"I read it, and I was really upset," Nagra said about the short story (written by Shaun Mehta, the director's brother) the film is based on. "I remember if took me half an hour to call Richie (Mehta) because it just blew me away. It made me look at myself, and how do I value suc-

"When I realized that, I



Rupinder Nagra stars in director Richie Mehta's Amal.

was like, 'Oh my God — this is an amazing story."

But a tricky portrayal for Nagra. You might call it acting from within.

"Richie and I had lots of conversations about that," the Indian-born. said Hamilton-raised actor. "It's really about, OK - these are the emotions, but then reel them in and keep

them inside. I remember the first couple of days of shooting, it was a challenge because you want to react to something, or you could go over the top in terms of really, really hold-ing it back in. "Once I found that zone of how to play him, I was really comfortable keeping it inside."

Amal opens Wednesday.

Indie actor takes on 'loser' in Hamlet 2

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

You've seen him in A Night at the Museum and this summer's Tropic Thunder. He's been accused in the media of giving drugs to Owen Wilson. And in the U.K., he's a huge star, But if you ran into Steve Coogan on the street, you probably wouldn't recognize him.

"I'm sort of known by certain people in the industry for independent films," Coogan said during a recent interview. "But this is the first thing I've done that's been given a platform with lots of support."

He's of course referring to Hamlet 2, his first real leading role in a big Hollywood movie. A zany comedy about Dana Marschz a high school drama teacher who attempts to direct a sequel to a play where all the characters died at the end - Hamlet



Steve Coogan

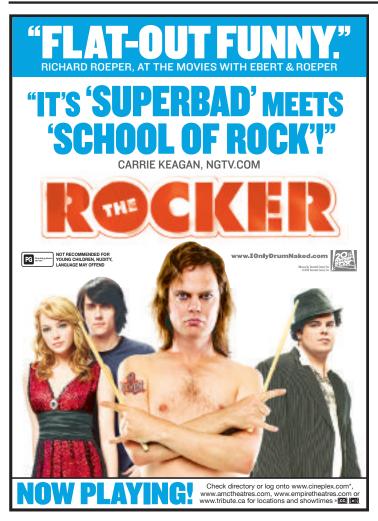
2 is a departure for the English comedian who earned his reputation making in-die flicks

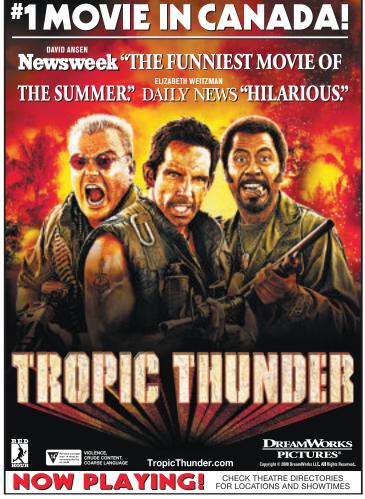
like 24 Hour Party People and Happy Endings.

"I wanted to do a comedy film that was broad, accessible and not too esoteric," admits Coogan.

That it is. But his character is still not typical of most Hollywood protago-nists. A failed thespian who idolizes Elizabeth Shue and pitches herpes medication on TV, Dana Marschz is not your aver-

age hero. "He's a loser. He's a slightly tragic figure, but he's an innocent, too," says Coogan of the character's consistent mess-ups. "The audience have to like him in some way ... He's a good person; he's just a bit of an idiot, too.'





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Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 4:50-9:30

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The Longshots (PG) Fri-Thu 10:40-1:20-4-

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thu 10:15-1-3:45-

Mirrors (18A) Fri-Thu 10:30-1:30-4:15-7:15-

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Le Rocker (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-3:45

Star Wars: La Guerre des clones (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:15-7:05

Tonnerre sous les tropiques (13+) Fri-Thu 12:30-3-7:10-9:40

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Les Chimpanzés de l'espace (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-2:45-4:55

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The bestselling albums on Amazon.ca

Mamma Mia! soundtrack, Various Artists; 2. Viva La Vida, Coldplay (frontman Chris Martin, left); 3. Two Men with the Blues, Willie Nelson and Wynton Marsalis; 4. A Little Bit Longer, Jonas Brothers; 5. Gold: Greatest Hits, ABBA.

Music

Guitar Heroes pitch in Madonna hits the road at age 50

Dandy Warhols team up with Mark Knopfler, Mike Campbell on new disc

ROB MCMAHON for Metro Canada

For drummer Brent De Boer, the high point of recording the Dandy Warhols' seventh album came in the form of a

Earth To The Dandy Warhols features the shiny steel National made famous on the cover of Dire Straits' 1985 disc Brothers in Arms.

'(Singer) Courtney (Taylor-Taylor) wanted Mark (Knopfler) to play his dobro on Love Song, and he played it," said De Boer.
"That shiny guitar from the cover of (Dire Straits') Brothers in Arms — he actually played it!" De Boer's enthusiasm

grew as he explained the track also featured Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers' guitarist Mike Campbell, who arrived in the studio the day after performing at the Superbowl. To add to the story, the song was started (along with Dreamt of Yes and Valerie Yum) during a studio session with electronic pioneers Massive Attack.



Earth To The Dandy Warhols features the shiny steel National made famous on the cover of Dire Straits' 1985 disc Brothers in Arms. The new album from the Portland band was released this week.

We went to (Massive Attack's) studio in Bristol and drank a lot of hard cider." said De Boer, laughing. That project never quite finished, but we might get back together with them."

If nothing else, the Dandies' new album — and the band itself, as featured in the 2004 documentary DIG! — are far from boring. Headquartered in the Odditorium, a three-quarterblock studio in Portland, the psychedelic rockers' kitchen sink approach appears in everything from their musical compositions to their studio's décor.

"We have a den and a bar, a studio, and a green screen room where we filmed the Mission Control video," said De Boer. "(And) we permanently installed the three rooms used in our video for Used to Be Friends."

When writing. Dandies typically approach each song individually and then build the album flow. Things change for the show — if an album track peaks in a wall of psychedelic noise, the group tones it down, switching the drum tempo or pulling out an acoustic guitar. But this time, De Boer explained the album (the first released on their label

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Beat the World Records) received some last-minute changes. The songs were all written, recorded and arranged when singer Courtney Taylor-Taylor jumped in and tweaked a few things.

"(Courtney) got this idea to put guitar over a song, and I was unsure and left the studio for a couple of hours," said De Boer. "When I returned it blew my mind — it's on Mission Control, the guitar that starts up just before the drums kick in. It really gave it a kick, almost like you're at some club in Europe.'

T O U R S Madonna kicks off her Sticky Sweet world tour Cardiff's Millennium



Stadium to- Madonna

morrow, the latest test of her enduring appeal that comes a week after her 50th birthday.

The "queen of pop" will be hoping to eclipse her last trot across the globe in 2006. Confessions became the top-grossing tour ever by a female artist with ticket sales of \$195 million.

Sticky & Sweet will feature hits that span nearly 30 years in pop music including her latest album Hard Candy. REUTERS

Madge facts

- Madonna Louise Veronica Ciccone was born in Bay City, Mich., on Aug. 16, 1958.
- Her breakthrough came in 1984 when she signed a record deal and made hits Like a Virgin and Holiday.
- The Recording Industry Association of America has described her as the best-selling female rock artist of the 20th century with 63 million certified album sales. REUTERS



Glitter returns to Thailand

Disgraced glam rocker Gary Glitter returned to Bangkok yesterday after Hong Kong barred him from entering following his release from three years' prison in Vietnam for child sex abuse.. METRO NEWS SERVICES





Music

Human Highway crafts rootsy pop

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI for Metro Canada

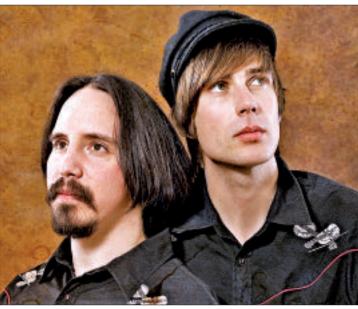
For some musicians, the daily grind of touring in a small van with the same sweaty guys turns them off writing for months, but not Jim Guthrie. The ex-Islands guitarist not only jammed with his former band night after night, he teamed up with the group's lead singer, Nick Thorburn, to start a whole other group.

"Nick had been writing the song My Beach while we were on tour and he came up to my hotel room and asked if I wanted to record it," says Guthrie, explaining how Human Highway, his new laid-back Toronto-based duo, was formed. "We didn't actually have all the instruments you hear on the track so we did the rest of it back it my house."

Most of Moody Motorcycle, the twosome's debut disc, was conceived in Guthrie's house. While it's definitely a collaboration — many of the songs feature both musicians on vocals — the project came together mostly as a result of Thorburn's desire to work with his bandmate in an non-Islands setting.

"Nick really wanted to write songs with me," says Guthrie. "He's was like, 'I'm going to come to Toronto and sleep on your couch.' If it wasn't for Nick it probably wouldn't have happened."

it's not that Guthrie was opposed to taking on a new musical endeavour; he's just not as motivated as his partner. The Guelphborn singer-songwriter ad-



 $Human\ Highway's\ debut\ album\ -\ Moody\ Motorcycle\ -\ is\ a\ sophisticated\ collection\ of\ rootsy\ pop\ tunes\ that\ recall\ the\ Everly\ Brothers\ or\ the\ Traveling\ Wilburys.$

mits that he can sit on songs for months, while Thorburn forges ahead to get things done. "He's willing to commit to a song. He doesn't hold back," explains Guthrie, who adds that his followup to his 2003 solo album is still in the works. "I'm more, 'Is this a good idea? A bad idea? Maybe I'll stew over it for the next year."

Luckily, Guthrie didn't wait months to sort out his parts on Moody Motorcycle. In fact, the songs sound closer to his own soft-spoken acoustic work than the grandiose arrangements that Thorburn created on Arm's Way, the most recent Is-

"What we've done is just wrote a bunch of songs we both really love, and it turns out other people hear something in them as well." Jim Guthrie

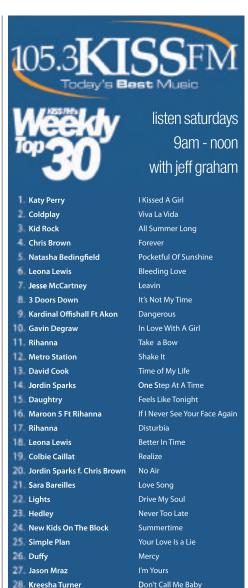
lands disc.

Although it was recorded in about two weeks, Human Highway's disc is a sophisticated collection of rootsy pop tunes that recall the Everly Brothers or the Traveling Wilburys. The harmonies are easily the best part, but the calm,

thoughtful songwriting is what really drives this disc.

With good reviews coming in from fans and critics alike, what was supposed to be a side-project looks like it could be turning into something more. "We were talking of maybe doing a sporadic show or two before the year is out," says Guthrie. "But maybe this has more to give than we originally thought.

"I do stuff for me and if there's an audience great," he adds. "We were just leaving ourselves an out. What we've done is just wrote a bunch of songs we both really love, and it turns out other people hear something in them as well."





All Or Nothing

29. Theory Of A Deadman

30 Madonna f. J.Timberlake











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Music

Routine air travel takes a nosedive

Be ready to entertain yourself during flight



Air travel is a wretched experience that is getting more awful by the day.
Just last week, my flight to Winnipeg — what used to be as routine as a bus ride downtown — is now a frustrating, demeaning and hideously expensive experience.

Between uncaring gate attendants (who refused to announce that the flight was going to be an hour late even though we could all see that the plane wasn't at the gate yet) and overzealous security types (they almost seized the homemade cabbage rolls mom had carefully packed in tinfoil in my carry-on because they can apparently be fashioned into an explosive device), I was ready to pull the chute on the whole trip.

A couple of things occurred to me during this ordeal:

Whatever happened to

the PA music heard on airplanes as passengers boarded? A number of airlines seemed to have stopped using it. Delta, on the other hand, has created a series of contemporary mixes that apparently subconsciously gets passengers settled in their seats faster.

• US Airways is yanking out their in-flight entertainment systems to save weight and fuel. Other airlines will be watching this with interest. The good news is that more planes are slowly becoming equipped with in-flight Internet access (at a price, of course), so there will be something to do.

• As of Oct. 1, Air Canada will no longer hand out free headsets for their entertainment systems, which is just as well because they're uncomfortable and sound awful. (Note to entrepreneurs: Far too many planes are outfitted with headset re-ceptacles that require a double plug. There will soon be a big market for mini-plug-to-two-pronged adapters as more people choose to bring their own headphones and earbuds. You're welcome.)

• Who buys CDs at the

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airport? The Virgin stores in both Toronto and Winnipeg have a decent selection, but unless you're still travelling with a portable CD player or willing to listen through your laptop, CDs seem to be a little 20th century — if you know what I mean. (At least the prices have come down. I once saw Led Zeppelin IV selling at an airport store for \$26.99.)

• Speaking of shopping, who would buy the hard-core porn magazines they sell at the airport? Is any-one actually going to crack one open during the flight? As if we need something else to make flying even more uncomfortable....

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Indian actress Shilpa Shetty, left, said she wished Jade Goody, far left, well after the star was diagnosed with cervical cancer, BBC news online reports. It comes 18 months after Goody was accused of racism towards Shetty on the UK version of Celebrity Big Brother. METRO

Shetty wishes Goody well

According to the New York Post, last Sunday's Mad Men episode saw ratings return to last season's average of around 1.1 million.

Few new fans for Mad Men

IntelleVision



MAD LOVE: AMC spent a fabled fortune in promotion leading up to the premiere of the second season of Mad Men just over a month ago,

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but it doesn't seem to be paying off in the numbers according to a story in the New York Post this week. last Sunday's episode saw ratings return to last season's average of around 1.1 million. That's a loss of a million viewers since the show's heavily hyped return to the airwaves, with a "season-low 514,000 viewers among persons 18-49, according to Nielsen.

Which means that Mad

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sticking with the show, though few new fans have been made - or most of them are, like me, watching the thing on TiVo days after the show airs. Not good news for AMC, which makes me think I should be cherishing my favorite show on

the air while it lasts. I'm not I haven't been at fracted through sure what these erstwhile new all disappointed viewers were ex- with the four pecting, but I haven't been at episodes of Mad all disappointed Men so far. with the four

episodes of Mad Men so far. Far from it — Matthew Weiner and his cast and crew have exceeded my expectations, by a long shot.

While it was clear from the first episode that Mad Men was going to be a workplace drama, it's delivered on more than that. The anguished intrigues in the Sterling Cooper offices are still driving the show, but its forays into the personal lives of the employees and their families are threatening to shift the focus - not that I'm complaining.

Sunday's Last crammed in a lot of goingson for a series that's reputedly "slow moving," including several indelible glimpses into the family life of Jon Hamm's Don Draper. From a frisky prelude to coitus interrupted by the kids to the pathological misbehavior of the youngest, Bobby and the

Sally, the episode provoked many winces of recognition from anyone once or currently in the business of raising a family. (And remember — all appearances to the contrary, Mad Men isn't really about the early '60s as much as it's about our own

lives, today, rethat idealized past).

richest moment was the giddy conclusion to a family Saturday to-

gether, a moment shattered when Bobby breaks his parents' bed and Don and Betty lose their temper before a chagrined realization that they've forgotten to feed Threading their kids. through it all was the tension between Don and Betty on disciplining their chil-

I'm hoping that Weiner isn't going to take the awkward friendship between Peggy (Elizabeth Moss) and an eager young priest played by Colin Hanks to the same predictable place such relationships inevitably go, but he's doing a fantastic job of recapturing the fragile, sometimes painful dignity of working class urban life just before the cultural cataclysm of the '60s.

> Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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Former American Idol contestant David Archuleta's Crush has debuted at No. 2 on the Hot 100 singles chart, netting the biggest bow since Fall Out Boy's This Ain't a Scene, it's an Arms Race also debuted at No. 2 back in January 2007. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Microsoft. Seinfeld join forces

Jerry Seinfeld will be one of the celebrity pitchmen in Microsoft Corp.'s \$300 million advertising campaign aimed at changing its image, the Wall Street Journal reported vesterday.

Seinfeld, best known for his eponymous NBC television sitcom, will appear in TV ads with Microsoft chairman Bill Gates and receive about \$10 million for his work, the report said.

The attempted image

overhaul comes in the wake of Apple's Mac versus PC ads, which feature a nerdy PC guy getting upstaged by a hip Mac counterpart.

The new ads, likely to debut on Sept. 4, are expected to use some variation of the slogan Windows, Not Walls, the newspaper said.

For its new campaign, Microsoft also considered other famous personalities, including Will Ferrell and Chris Rock. REUTERS



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Reggae fest in town

20 musicians take the stage at LeBreton Flats tonight and Saturday

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This weekend Ottawa is about to do something that many music-loving, world-class cities have been doing for a long time – launch its own reggae music festival.

musician And local Mackendy Dorcilhomme says it's long overdue.

"Montreal, New York, Miami — so many great cities of the world have reggae festivals and it's important for us, here in the capital, to have our own event to celebrate this amazing music," says Dor-cilhomme, who performs simply as Mackendy.

The Haitian-born singer has lived and worked in Ottawa for several years, and says though support for reggae music in Ottawa is strong, it could use a little boost.

"It's good here and I am happy to be a part of it, but I hope this festival will let people know the talent here, and of what reggae music in general is all about."

Mackendy will be one of 20 musicians to take the festival stage at LeBreton Flats tonight and Saturday. He and fellow hometown reggae musician Ras Lee will be singing alongside headliners like British singer Maxi Priest, Canada's own Snow, Collie Buddz from Bermuda and Jamaica's Half Pint.

The festival was conceived three years ago by Benjamin Williams of Ottawa as a way to celebrate reggae music and raise awareness about sickle cell anemia, a blood condition that affects millions worldwide, including the child of his close friend and busi-

ness partner.
Williams recruited a team to get the festival off the ground, including Natasha Von Castle, who says organizing the event has been an exciting chal-

"It's a surprise that a reggae festival like this hasn't been promoted before in Ottawa, but we are happy to bring the event to the people and raise money for a great cause," says Von Castle.

"Attracting big names was one the easiest parts of organizing this. It's a lot of work to get it off the ground, but everyone involved has been so passionate about making it work.

Organizers are expecting between 5,000 to 10,000 people to for the event, based on ticket sales so far.

Von Castle says she and the rest of the team will take two weeks off after the event wraps, then will get to work plan-

ning next year's event.

and focused and want this not to be a one-time thing, but a fun part of the summer festival scene in Ottawa that people can look forward to," she says.

more info

 Weekend passes for the Ottawa Reggae Festival are \$35 in advance or \$45 at the gate. For information visit ottawareggaefestival.com.

Ottawa singer Mackendy, left, will take the stage alongside Snow, Maxi Priest and many other performers as part of the firstever Ottawa Reggae Festival, this weekend at LeBreton Flats.

Writer takes play to stage by forming theatre company



tuck in a boring day job, and longing for a creative outlet, Ed Staples decided to do something he hadn't done since high school — write a play.

The result is Avenging Harry, a dark comedy

about three friends dealing with the death of another friend killed in a hit-and-

But just because you write something you'd like to share with the world doesn't always mean it's possible. In this case, the play went from page to stage when Staples, along with six pals — also Canter-bury grads — decided to form their own theatre company, named Excellent News, Colonel.

"It can be tough in this town because sometimes theatre is seen as an older

details

 Avenging Harry is at the Mercury Lounge, 56 Byward, tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p. m. Tickets are \$10 for students and seniors and \$15 for adults. They can be purchased at the door or reserved by calling (613) 262-

person's art, but really I think the market's there for younger people there just isn't always a place to see it," he says.

Staples, who also directs

the show, and producer Laine Johnson were in-spired by recent small productions staged successfully in local pubs. Bar settings are obviously more relaxed, but Staples says they can also provide the perfect, comfortable locale for people who might not otherwise venture out to a play.

The plot was loosely inspired by conversations Staples observed after a friend of his brother's was killed in a hit-and-run, but he says the play is less about the circumstances of the character's death, and

more about those left behind.

"It's about the personal growth of these three characters and how their own friendship will work when there's this missing piece.'

Actors Adam Denault, Matt Nemes, Ryan Smith and Andrew Watson were recruited for Avenging Harry. Though all involved in the show are passionate about theatre, Staples says most haven't been utilizing their own theatre arts skills in a long time.

Watching his own work grow from an idea to a production has allowed Staples to explore a creative drive he hasn't felt since high school.

"Everyone has brought their own ideas and influences, and these characters are no longer exactly what I had envisioned, but I think that's actually worked out really well. I can't speak for the others, but I've loved this and would like to continue doing it.'

Kim Mannix Vermette has a passion for exploring the local music, theatre, visual arts and literature scenes.





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Shakespeare Young Company: A Midsummer Night's Dream Fri. – Sun. 7:00 p.m. \$10 - \$15 adv. Fourth Stage, NAC, 53 Elgin St., at Confederation Square. Info: nac.ca or call 613-947-7000, 1-866-850-ARTS, Box Office: Ext 280

Idol Threats Sat. 7:00 p.m. Show \$25, Dinner starts at \$22, includes admission to the Velvet Room dance club or Duelling Pianos after the show. Scarlett's Dinner Theatre, 62 York St. Info: eddiemay.com or 613-850-9700.

Masters Fiddling Championship and Show Sat. 12:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. \$20 - \$45 adv. Centrepointe Theatre, 101 Centrepointe Dr. Info: centrepointetheatre.com or 613-580-2700.

comedy Laugh Out Proud IV

featuring Marga Gomez, Darcy Micheal and Andrew Johnston Fri. 9:30 p.m., Sat. 8:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m., \$25 adv. Yuk Yuks International Stand Up Comedy, 88 Albert St. Info:

yukyuks.com or 613-236-5233.

Heidi Foss Fri 8:00 p.m. Sat. 7:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m., \$12. Yuk Yuk's Launching Pad in the Prescott Tavern, 379 Preston St. Info: yukyuks.com or 613-236-5233.

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Laurans Fri. 8:00 & 10:30 p.m., \$10. Sat. 8:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m., S12; Sun, 8:00 p.m., \$8. Absolute Comedy, 412 Preston St. Info: absolutecomedy.ca or call 613-233-8000

Enjoy a day of Reggae vibes Saturday. 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. \$35 - \$175 adv. Lebreton Flats, 1

galleries

One Night Stand with Jean-Guy Fri. 7:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m., Galerie La Petite Mort Gallery, 306 Cumberland St. Info: lapetitemortgallery.com or 613-860-1555.

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The 1930s: The Making of "The New Man" Fri. - Sun. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. National Gallery of Canada, 380 Sussex Dr. Info: gallery.ca or 613-990-1985.

clubs

Friday@Heaven with DJ's Phono Jones and Balu Fri. 10:00 p.m. Heaven Nightclub, 400a Dalhousie St. Info: clubheaven.ca or 613-482-9898.

Revolution Rock Presents: The Soft Disaster and Relief Maps Fri. 7:00 p.m. \$8, Zaphod Beeblebrox, 27 York St. Info: zaphodbeeblebrox.com or 613-562-1010.

Peirson Ross and The Wilderness with Special Guest Mike O'Brien Fri. 9:00 p.m. \$10 adv. The Black-sheep Inn, 420 Riverside Dr. Info. theblacksheepinn.com or 819-459-3228.

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The Eric Eggleston Band & DJ LP Fri. - Sat. \$5, 9:00 p.m. Patty Boland's, 101 Clarence St. Info: pattybolands.com or 613-789-7822.

Jupiter Ray Project with Jehan Khoorshed Sat. 9:30 p.m. \$5, The Elmdale House Tavern, 1084 Wellington St. Info: elmdaletavern.com or 613-728-2848.

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Kapacity ENT & Heaven Nightclub Boat Cruise with DJs Illo, Drastik, Martin Villeneauve, Matt Kelly and Balu Sun. 7:00 p.m. \$20 adv. The Ottawa River Queen Boat. 895 Jacques Cartier, Gatineau, Québec. Înfo: info@clubheaven.ca or ottawaboatcruise.com or 613-482-9898.

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Actress Angie Harmon has confirmed she's pregnant just two weeks after her husband denied initial reports. Football star Jason Sehorn shot down the rumours they were expecting a third child. But now a representative for the pair has confirmed Harmon is pregnant. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Ifans spirals out of control at birthday

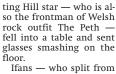
PARTY Rhys Ifans ruined his new girlfriend's birthday party earlier this

The hellraising actor was celebrating Kimberly Stewart turning 29 at a London club when he spotted a fellow reveller getting close to his lover.



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actress Sienna Miller earlier this year - was seen with a small moustache drawn on his

upper lip and said he was a "big fan of Hitler. He also simulated sex on a friend who had fallen over on the dance floor. METRO NEWS

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Clooney buys fan a car

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you'll forgive me George Clooney." NEWS

Allen won't say no to drugs

BAD PERSON Lily Allen doesn't told Paper magazine: "I'm know if she will stop taking drugs. The Smile singer,

who attempted to punch a passer-by after leaving London nightspot this week, admits she isn't a "good person" when she is under the influence of illegal substances but still can't bring herself to quit. She

not going to say I'm never going to do drugs again. I just know I'm not a good person on drugs. However, she insists she did stop using

recreational drugs after she discovered she was pregnant last November. Lily, who suffered a miscarriage in January, says she vowed to clean up her life for the sake of her unborn child.

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Cyber love for Gomez and Jonas?

Jonas have taken their love online. saucy e-mails and texts since hooking up earlier this summer and while the e-mails aren't X-rated, they drip with innuendo. "I love your mouth and I love your

TEXT Selena Gomez and boyfriend Nick The teens can't stop sending each other

smile. It totally melts me," Nick, 15, wrote to Selena, 16. They even send each other cute notes when they're in the same room together. "They have inside iokes and write sexy little things he's totally in love," the source savs. They are addicted to emailing each other. That's what teenagers METRO

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Driver cited in LaBeouf crash

RUNNING A RED The other driver involved in actor Shia LaBeouf's recent car crash has been cited for running a red light and causing the accident which put the Transformers star in hospital with a smashed hand. The movie star's truck flipped twice after LaBeouf collided with 21-year-old Simon

Herbert's vehicle in Hollywood on July 27. LaBeouf has since undergone hand surgery. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Horses made Bale's career

ACTING Batman star Christian Bale has put his successful acting career down to skills he learned riding horses. The actor is a keen horse rider and insists he has gained his most vital acting technique from the activity - confidence. He says, "I love horses. I've learned from them. Once you master a horse - but it also



"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

o Nick Jonas and Selena Gomez are together, and we know this because sources are leaking Nick's online correspondence. Incidentally, how do they know such gems as, love your mouth and I love your smile" aren't just lyrics he's work-shopping? And why he separate his love for her mouth from his love for her smile? Doesn't she smile with her mouth?

Why am I wasting a second of my life thinking about this?

At least we now have some closure on the debate that has been raging on the Internet for the past month, which effectively divided le-gions of 'tweens into pro-Selena and pro-Miley Cyrus camps. The question as to the authenticity of this relationship will no doubt be played out in true celebrity tradition through a series of denials, confirmations, contradictions, and hacked cellphone photo releases.

But the greater question to be considered involves Mickey Mouse as Matchmaker of Mammon, or Disney Incest, if you like. From Frankie and Annette to Britney and Justin through Zac and **Vanessa**, Disney entertainment properties have hooked up before, but never has the Golden Child, the perfect storm of profitability issued from said loins.

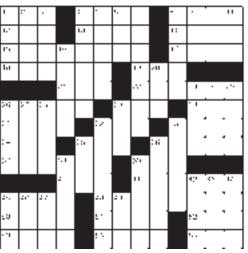
Every time two people such as these youngsters get together, it is impossible not to consider that possibility, and the birth of such a child could be considered a sign of the Apocalypse, or just a reason to destroy your televi-



Jonathan Rhys Meyers was forced to halt filming on Match Point while kissing Scarlett Johansson — so that he could shave. She says, "Kissing him wasn't that bad, but he did have to stop and shave in the middle of a scene, even though he'd shaved that morning." METRO NEWS SERVICES



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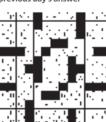
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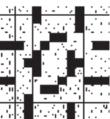
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- 26 Stinky
- 29 Sweet potato
- 30 Vast expanse 31 Have coming
- 32 Western st.
- 33 Humpty's perch 34 Actress Joanne
- 35 Erstwhile acorn 36 Paratrooper's need
- 37 Bashful friend?
- 39 The girl
- 40 A/C meas. 41 "South Pacific" heroine
- 45 The gang
- 48 Comprehensive
- 50 Sheltered 51 Spuds' buds
- 52 S.A. nation 53 Rotate
- 54 Withered
- 55 Monterrey monarch





previous day's answer

VIRGO

Your money holds the interest of a relative. Play it safe for the

(m)

AVATAR VENUS

 (Υ) MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Mistaken identity causes confusing events. A sanitary problem ruins a good first impression. A fairy tale comes true.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Horoscopes

ARIES

A bad situation can't last forever. A handy man avoids work due to exhaustion. A friendly enemy needs your support.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

You can make progress in a love affair. Tensions at work will dwindle. Someone's dreadful deeds will raise your spirits.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A talkative neighbour tries to pull a fast one. A woman goes for the throat in business. A joker will lose hope after making an unbelievable demand.

JULY 23-AUG 23

Mechanical problems will slow you down. Someone's plans are a sensitive issue. A shadowy man should be avoided.

AUG 24-SEPT 22

best outcome. An upset jerk has serious emotional problems.

LIBRA

Resistance is weakening but don't give in to your sweet tooth. You'll be asked to go out on the town. Something is causing emotional turmoil.

SCORPIO

OCT 24- NOV 22

An unethical person is sent off after being unfair. A sneering creep mutters under his breath. A relative makes a life-

altering decision. **SAGITTARIUS**

NOV 23- DEC 21
Don't be surprised when some one is late again. People won't hear you speaking the truth. Romantic events will come to a climax.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

A hero will be the first to pay for treats. A wimpy buddy wants to look you up. Don't be scared when a strange event occurs.

AQUARIUS

You'll jump for joy when a wish is granted. A man is on your side in an argument. A shouting person will make you

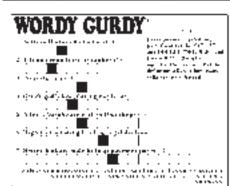
PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20
You'll discover a solution to a pesky problem. Don't show disdain for an untidy appearance. A buddy gives you cause for concern.

Sudoku

2			8		3			
3	5						9	6
	4			7		8		
	9		1	2				7
		2				6		
1				6	8		5	
		5		3			7	
8	2						6	1
			6		4			2

by **10**9



HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU: The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row. each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

previous day's answer

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5	9	6	4	1	3	2	7	8
1	8	4	6	2	7	5	9	3
7	2	3	9	5	8	6	1	4
8	1	2	5	7	9	4	3	6
6	7	5	2	3	4	1	8	9
4	3	9	8	6	1	7	2	5
2	4	8	1	9	6	3	5	7
9	5	7	3	4	2	8	6	1
3	6	1	7	8	5	9	4	2

Under 13. Genius

13-17 Scholar





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21-25..... Not bad

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Showers. 26°/13°



Sunny. 21°/12°



